

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2008. In the Office Action, Applicant's Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter for the reason that a "computer-readable medium" might be construed to refer to a signal.

Examiner Armstrong and the undersigned discussed this rejection in a telephone interview on February 19, 2009. The undersigned expresses his sincere appreciation to Examiner Armstrong for her considerate and helpful advice during the interview. Examiner Armstrong and the undersigned discussed an amendment of independent Claim 20 to include the words "physical storage" before the word "medium" to clarify the meaning of the claim. Examiner Armstrong indicated that such an amendment would address this rejection. Support for this amendment can be found in Applicant's specification at page 7, lines 13-15, as well as elsewhere in Applicant's specification. No new matter has been added.

This amendment is accompanied by a request for extension of time and authorization for payment of the fee associated therewith.

With this amendment, Applicant submits that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,


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